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Coach Ollerton: 'watch us go!'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Peter Ollerton, 30, brings to his new job as player-coach of Makedonia, the experience of having played for Ringwood-Wilhelmina, APIA, South Melbourne Hellas, Marconi and J.U.S.T. and having scored 20 goals in 55 games for Australia.

In 1974, he was the youngest member of the 1974 World Cup team. Today, he is the youngest coach in the PSL and the only player-coach.

He approaches his job with verve and enthusiasm uncharacteristic of his somewhat inconic style.

"Eight of our remaining 12 games are in Melbourne, and that's fantastic," he says.

"I feel we've got a good side and all we have to do is recapture the spirit and the aggression we had last year."

"We won the State League championship last year and we're even better now. In the State League we'd be about six points clear at the top, because I'd say there's a three or four-goal difference between State League and PSL sides."

Ollerton is caretaker coach to succeed Brian Edgley who resigned last week after Makedonia had lost 1-2 to Sydney Olympic in Sydney.

Alan Vest of Newcastle was approached by Makedonia after Edgley resigned. One of Ollerton's first concerns is to improve Makedonia's midfield play.

"It's been our biggest problem," he said. "When we've come out of defence, there's been a gap of 30 or 40 yards between the midfielders and the forwards. At other times, all the midfielders would go forward and leave the defence exposed."

"What we need is to close that big gap in the middle."

He confidently predicts that Makedonia will beat arch rival Footscray J.U.S.T. — his former



Brian Edgley

club — at Schirmer Reserve on Sunday.

"I've scored in probably every game I've ever played against J.U.S.T. and since I've been with Makedonia we've never lost against them," he says. "Earlier this year we beat them 3-0 at Reservoir and I scored twice."

Ollerton defends the use of goalkeeper George Mollison as a centre back, alongside Scottish new-comer Ron Maciver (East Fife). "We have to



Alan Vest

have a steady, reliable partnership at the back. George and Ron like playing alongside each other and they do a good job there. It was as a centre half that George came to Melbourne from Perth. He only went into attack by accident because one of the forwards was injured. He's got determination, he's a good tackler, he's quick and he's good in the air — which is all a centre half needs."

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Boyle claims his nephew was tricked

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Peter Boyle's loyalty to nephew Jim Hughes led to an explosive situation at training two weeks ago, and to Boyle's departure from West Adelaide Hellas after a four year stay.

The Adelaide press carried headlines the following day claiming that Boyle was sacked by West. His loyalty to the club and supporters was put in question.

"I've got no time for people who lack integrity," said Boyle.

"As far as I'm concerned the way my nephew ended up signing professional forms and the fashion in which Billy Birch was sacked as coach showed a lack of integrity by some of the administrators at West Adelaide."

Boyle claimed that Birch and team manager Con Daskalos had agreed with Hughes's wish to remain an amateur.

Then Birch went. "Jim was asked to sign a piece of paper, which he did. It turned out to be a professional form," said Boyle.

"I felt responsible for him because of our family ties so I asked the club what was going on."

"I was told not to cause any trouble. I also was told that I wasn't the solicitor for my nephew."

"It was an angry scene at training. I ended up shouting at two of the officials. Later the chairman led me to the dressing room and next day the papers had the story just the way the club would have liked



Peter Boyle

it, saying I was sacked and lacked loyalty."

The loyalty which Boyle was accused of lacking certainly doesn't show when you delve into his history with West.

He first signed professional forms with Scottish club Clyde after playing with junior club Larkhall Thistle.

Peter Boyle spent six seasons with Clyde during the re-organisation of the Scottish Leagues.

The First and Second Divisions were broken up into three leagues — Premier League, First Division and Second Division.

The season before this new format was to take effect the top 10 teams in First Division were to become the members of the Premier League. Clyde missed out, finishing third last year.

"That was the end of the provincial sides like Clyde," said Boyle.

"The club had a good history

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Makedonia's player-coach Peter Ollerton before a game for Australia.



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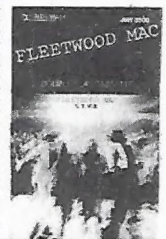
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Cash for Johnston but not kids

One of the bright rays of sunshine on this otherwise dismal soccer scene is the number of brilliant young players on the horizon.

Unlike the administration scene where the same old faces continue to make the same old mistakes, the playing side of the game is healthy.

It is now obvious that many of the clubs have at last realised that the future lies in rearing and developing home-bred and home-reared players.

And given the correct coaching and the correct tutoring, our youngsters should be able to hold their own with any in the world.

Certainly at senior level they will be greatly handicapped by our geographical position and the lack of top-class opposition but there is not a great deal we can do about it.

Except of course shifting Australia lock, stock and barrel to somewhere in the north sea - off the coast of Europe.

Some of the young players who have caught my eye this season are David Mitchell, Steve Blair, Robert Wheatley, Ian Gray, Eddie Zaccorero, Mark Koussas, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas and Ian McKie, Denis Colusso.

Sure, some of them are already established in the ranks of the PSL and indeed in the national team.



TOM ANDERSON

But it just shows the depth in talent there is around.

Although I have little opportunity of watching the youth league fixtures, I am led to believe that the talent in this competition is outstanding.

Also, the junior scene is very healthy with the number of players on the increase week by week.

What must be done now is for this junior scene and all

our many junior players to be "looked after" and developed on a professional basis.

By this I don't mean mollycoddled or spoiled but given a real grounding on what professional soccer is all about.

Preference must be given by our administrators to the youngsters - not visiting or overseas stars here to earn the quick buck.

To me it is a disgrace that

this year's Under 16 national championships have been cancelled owing to only one State - Victoria - entering.

How on earth can we expect players to come through to the top if the Under 16s are being dumped?

This is the most crucial age of all in junior soccer and for my money someone had made the biggest blunder of all time.

The ASF Marketing Com-

pany was formed to market soccer and gain sponsorship and help foster the game.

Why, I ask, were they not brought in to find a way for these Under 16 championships to continue?

Maybe they were too busy managing English superstar Craig Johnston who is over here to get married.

Indeed, it is a sad indictment of the ASF when "millionaires" such as Johnston come before the welfare of our juniors.

Having had my say on this sad state of affairs, I would like to congratulate the Victorian federation for entering their team in the now abandoned Under 16 championships.

Victoria always has been a

State that fostered its juniors to a big extent and it has a record to be proud of.

I don't think it can be stressed enough that soccer's future now lies in the hands of the kids.

They will be the ones to bring back the credibility to the code.

They are the ones who must now be helped and fostered at every opportunity.

I just hope some of the fuddy-duddies at the ASF realise this.

POSTSCRIPT: Did you here about the Irish coach who tried to take over a local water polo team?

He was sacked after his first match, when all his horses drowned.



Sir Arthur George — he'll brazen it out.

Goodbye Doc! Tommy Docherty is no longer with us, having swopped our Harbor City and PSL, for the drab greyness of Preston and the English Third Division.

This decision puts our soccer into some context vis-a-vis the international scene and the implications are not very flattering.

During his short stay Docherty has become one of soccer's undoubted "media stars", with numerous columns in a number of publications, television and radio appearances galore.

His outspoken and often insensitive pronouncements irked many people, alienated others and even provoked outright enmity in many quarters.

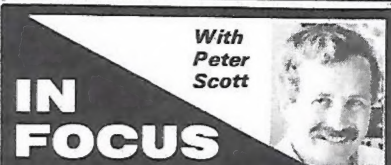


Tommy Docherty

What cannot be taken away from the man is his knack for creating an image which, to a large extent, manages to hide grim reality.

... Such as the fact that Sydney Olympic is only one of the also-rans of the PSL, albeit an attractive and exciting one with tons of promise for the future.

Even the notoriously-fickle Greek community has swal-



With Peter Scott

IN FOCUS

ASF does not have monopoly on truth

lowed the Doc's magic elixir; they are flocking to the games in their thousands - and never mind the competition table!

Perhaps Docherty went to an extreme in his search for media exposure but - unlike the unfortunate Rudi Gutendorf who also held that all publicity is good publicity - he always managed to maintain a genial and outgoing public image, with a stream of wisecracks, jokes and clichés at his disposal, ready to be disgorged at a moment's notice in his rich Scottish accent.

Love him or hate him, our soccer scene will not be the same without the Doc.

With all my reservations about his methods I will miss him; he brought some color and excitement into our soccer lives.

In the tornado of discontent and recriminations which followed the demise of Rudi Gutendorf's Soccerroos in the World Cup, much of the blame was heaped on firstly, the coach and, secondly, on ASF president Arthur George.

Nothing visible has occurred in the way of setting into motion a thorough and completely professional investigation of soccer's administration in Australia.

Over the next few weeks, through the medium of "Soccer Action's" widely-read columns, I will try to offer some suggestions and possibly even be immodest enough to point towards a few worthwhile solutions.

It must be obvious that Sir Arthur intends to brazen it out in the ASF presidency come hell or high water.

Opinions are divided on whether this is a desirable situation or not.

I have already highlighted the absurdity of claiming that soccer's administration has no blame in the calamity which befell the national team, or the difficulties experienced by the various leagues and clubs.

To use a political analogy,

there is a convention widespread in democracies, which maintains there is such a thing as ministerial responsibility.

Sir Arthur is our Prime Minister in soccer, even though he was "elected" by something which falls far short of a universal franchise.

Being a realist, though, I reconcile myself that he is not likely to leave the comfortable presidential chair at Clarence Street headquarters of his own volition.

He would have to be carried out of the place - and none of the members of the present ASF executive have sufficient fire in their bellies to attempt this.

And then again, would any of them do a better job?

I do not believe that youth is a necessary qualification; it is ability and flair which I would look for in Sir Arthur's replacement.

Such qualities are not defined by dexterity in milking licensed clubs to underwrite quarter of a million dollar losses by PSL teams devoid of any visible means of major crowd support.

Now, to the nitty gritty of where Australian soccer is heading, what its policy aims and objectives are.

No organisation can thrive and prosper without those things being clearly defined and vague ambitions about "becoming the number one winter sport" or "outstriking Rugby League in Sydney" are no substitute.

This is where the marketing arm of the ASF's operations should come into its own, but for that to happen they must become a lot more professional and open-minded than they (or their ASF bosses) have been to date.

If we look at the American success story, let us not simply focus on nicknames, indoor soccer, club logos and summer seasons.

Let's also recognise other much more important factors

"Big Jim" Bayutti

— what's he think?

in the NASL's development, like the granting of exclusive franchises within defined areas, where no other club can set up operations - unlike Sydney's metropolitan area where five clubs are vying for support.

Or how about copying the Yank's principle of defining what the market is for soccer and then chasing after them with single-minded determination.

This contrasts with the PSL and its marketing advisers, who seem to be observing the local market through Alice's looking glass, defining what they would like the market to be and acting accordingly, with the inevitable result of long-term failure and short-term stagnation.

I wonder, for instance, if the marketing outfit has tried to analyse the implications of a very hush-hush Sydney City survey, which came up with the terrifying conclusion that the average age of their very modest following is 54 years.

In fact, I wonder if the marketing company is even aware of this survey having taken place?

Or has it tried to gather some data on the background of its support on the terraces - by age, national origins and other criteria?

Has it drawn up a master plan for the development of soccer, and if it has, is it likely to be debated by a wide cross-section of the sport, or is it to be set into motion without any consultation?

Why is our sport alone showing a marked reluctance to organise a professional development convention, which is to be open to individuals and organisations who have something positive to contribute in the form of major discussion papers, well in advance of the convention itself?

Involve every section of the sport in the discussions - ethnics and dinky-dis, professionals and amateurs, juniors and seniors, the media, the marketing men and women, the hierarchy and the States, the former players and the coaches, and those of the successful former administrators who have dropped out of soccer long ago.

These should include the Jim Bayutts, Sam Fiszman, Ian McAndrews, Harry Bartlett and others of this world.

If these in power at the ASF at any given time believe that they alone are the repository of all the truths about the sport's solution to its problems then we are doomed if not to extinction, then to terminal stagnation.

At the risk of being branded a heretic and non-person, in final despair over the destruction of my beloved soccer I would even start harking back to the glories (and they

away days of the late fifties and early sixties.

I would start asking if we could find the new Walter Sternberg and Henry Seamonds; men of vision, men with a love for the game which had no trace of self-glorification about it.

Most of all, soccer needs people who want to see the game progress, even if the road to success is not one which they would have chosen.

Juniors to play in NZ now

The 1981 Australian Under 16 championships in Canberra have been cancelled because the ASF increased entry fees from \$1500 to \$4200 for each State.

All States except Victoria withdrew because they could not afford it.

Some however, may enter a new under 15 Pacific tournament in New Zealand later this year.

NSW already has entered. New Zealand will field a North Island team and a South Island team and has invited not only every Australian State but also Fiji, Japan, New Caledonia and Indonesia.

The national under 18 championships were subsidised heavily by the ASF in past years.

ASF official Brian Emery said the States this year accepted that it was their responsibility to finance the championships, but when the costs were drawn up, they proved prohibitive.

The States finance their own teams in the national under 13, under 14 and under 15 titles, but their costs are lower, as players are billeted with families, whereas the under 16s stay at hostels.

The under 13s will play in Darwin this year, the under 14s at Mt. Isa and the under 15s in Perth.

The \$4200 cost per State for the under 16 titles covers air fares and accommodation.

Cancellation of the under 16 titles breaks the continuity through the age groups to the national youth team which eventually will play in next year's qualifying games for the 1983 world youth championships.

However, the best of the boys from the national under 18 titles played in Canberra a few weeks ago will go on to play in the under 19 championships next year.

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Young Roos search for sweeper and left back

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The national youth team's shakiest positions are sweeper and left back, coach Les Scheinflug said as the young Socceroos left for New Caledonia yesterday (Tuesday).

They will play against the New Caledonia national team tomorrow (Thursday), Sunday and next Tuesday and return home on Wednesday.

The trip is part of the team's preparation for the finals of the world youth championships in October.

"The libero and left

back positions still worry me," Scheinflug said. "I'm looking around for some dominant players to fill those roles, although perhaps someone will play well enough on this trip to take at least one of the positions."

Oscar Crino, a late addi-

tion to the squad after ASF official Brian Emery said he was unable to travel, probably will get a chance as libero, as will St. George's David Skeen.

Crino, formerly of Juventus (Vic), now plays for the Institute of Sport team.

Brett Woods of Sydney City Hakoah, is the left back at the moment, but Scheinflug said he soon would try out Newcastle KB's left back, Howard Tredinnick.

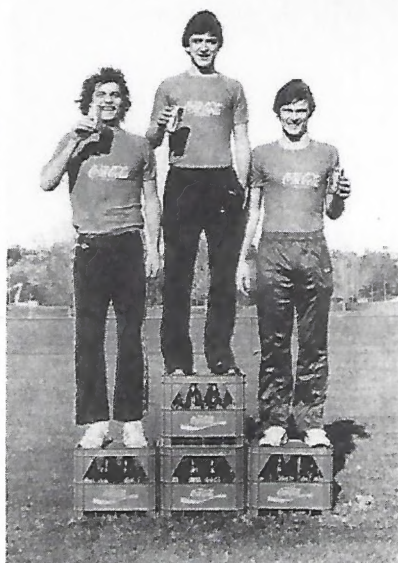
Newcastle's other star youth player, forward Grant Storey, also is in the running for the squad, but Scheinflug is worried by reports that Storey is not as dedicated as he should be.

Charlie Villani and Chris Manou of Adelaide City Juventus will be in the squad for games after the New Caledonia tour.

It is up to Scheinflug's Victorian assistant, Tony Boggi, to make recommendations about good youth players in Melbourne.

Boggi will have a series of training sessions during which he will assess Vlatko Belic and Bruno Cazzella of J.U.S.T., Fabio Incantupo of Juventus and others.

West Adelaide Hellas



Three of the Australian youth squad members who hope to play a big part in the Coca Cola World Youth Cup Finals in Australia in October. From the left: Vlatko Belic (Footscray J.U.S.T.), Oscar Crino (Institute of Sport) and Steve Blair (South Melbourne Hellas).

goalkeeper David Miller also will be tried out, Scheinflug said. Dennis Ivanac, the brilliant goalkeeper of Dalmatinac in Perth, has not been forgotten, however. "I have seen him quite often and I know how good he is," he said.

Les Scheinflug - on the look-out for dominant players for his national youth squad.



Jim Patikas

John Little

The complexities of regionalisation

LAURIE SCHWAB

To regionalise or not to regionalise - that is the question facing the Philips League.

Some feel the league should be given more time to work in its present form.

Others argue that regionalisation would cut travelling costs and increase crowds because clubs would play more games in their home cities, within travelling distance of their fans.

As reported in "Soccer Action" last week, the ASF's marketing boss, Rik Booth, has recommended regionalisation as part of the PSL's blueprint for the future.

He advocates the addition of Tasmania and Western Australia to the PSL competition, but not the addition of other clubs from Melbourne and Sydney.

Regionalisation involves a number of problems which would be difficult to solve. Geography would dictate that the northern half of the league would be virtually a NSW competition. Only Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions are not NSW-based.

Interstate rivalry would be virtually non-existent in the northern league, therefore, while it would be quite pronounced in the south, where Victorian clubs would be pitted against South Australian and Tasmanian clubs, perhaps against Canberra and - although I believe it would be financially impractical - against Western Australia.

The cost of air travel from Perth even only as far as Melbourne, appears still to be prohibitive except if a sponsor were willing to subsidise it.

After spending most of the week talking to soccer people about the regionalisation theory, it is obvious that an overwhelming majority favors the addition of established clubs to each of the new divisions.

These clubs would come mainly from Melbourne and Sydney, which appears realistic and desirable, yet it would cause a further problem. While fulfilling the aim of having more games "at home" for clubs in the capital cities, it would leave Adelaide, Tasmania, Brisbane, Canberra and Perth at a comparative disadvantage, as their "home" games would not increase in number.

Then there's the problem of how big each division should be and how long the end-of-season play-off series should last.

At the moment, the 16-team PSL runs for 30 weeks.

Two divisions of 12 teams would last 22 weeks, leaving up to eight weeks for the play-off series, without altering the overall length of the season.

What then happens to the clubs not involved in the play-off series? Their season would be eight weeks shorter, or more to the point, four home matches shorter. The implications as far as player contracts are concerned, are obvious.

One solution would be to stipulate in players' contracts that their season could last either 22 or 30 weeks, and that they would be paid accordingly.

One would hope the clubs that don't make it to the play-offs would at least supply spectators to the play-off matches.

A round-robin series between the top two from the south and the top two from the north, with the clubs playing each other twice, would last six weeks. A home and away final would stretch it to eight weeks.

That, however, could get monotonous, for the eventual finalists would end up playing each other four times during the play-off series.

On the other hand, the winner would be a worthy one. There would be no "luck of the draw".

Alternatively, the top three from the north and the top three from the south could all meet each other once in the play-offs, taking up five weeks. Add two one-off semi-finals and a home and away final, and you have your eight weeks filled up.

There are many possibilities, but they are easier to sort out than the actual composition of the two divisions.

The majority view is that were regionalisation to go ahead next year there probably would be no relegation from the PSL at the end of this season.

The following two divisions appear to be most heavily favored:

NORTH: Sydney City - Hakoah, APLA, Wollongong, Sydney Olympic, Marconi, Blacktown, Brisbane City, Brisbane Lions, Newcastle KB, St. George - Budapest, Sydney Croatia and either Melita Eagles or Townsville.

SOUTH: South Melbourne Hellas, Preston Makedonia, Heidelberg, Footscray J.U.S.T., West Adelaide Hellas, Adelaide City Juventus, Canberra City, Essendon Croatia, Green Gully Ajax, one Tasmanian club, one Western Australian club (if financially viable) and another South Australian team - perhaps Croatia Adelaide or a club from Whyalla.



Boskovic picked by FIFA

Australia's most experienced referee, Tony Boskovic, has been listed among the world's leading referees to control the FIFA Youth Championships in Australia in October.

The panel of 22 includes one referee from each of the 16 competing nations and six from neutral countries, with six linesmen provided by Australia.

English official, George Courtney, who handled the World Cup return match between Australia and New Zealand in Sydney last month, will be back to represent his country.

Other world-class whistlers will be Bob Valentine of Scotland, whose last big game was between Cyprus and Belgium at Nicosia, Jorge Romero of Argentina, who controlled the Brazil-Venezuela clash, and Ian Redells of West Germany, who officiates between Scotland and Portugal at Glasgow.

All appointments have been made by FIFA, the world body, and nearly every nomination has been active this year in handling World Cup elimination matches.

The Australian linesmen will be Chris Bambridge and Stuart Mellis (Victoria), Don Campbell (SA), Barry Harwood (WA), John Johnston (Tas) and Peter Rampley (NSW).

Boskovic said he was delighted with his selection particularly as only one Australian could be chosen on the panel.

"My one big ambition now is to see if I can gain selection for the World Cup finals in Spain next year," he said.

The Yugoslavian-born referee, who has lived in Australia for more than 20 years, has won nearly every award and prestige appointment in the code in Australia.

He is the only Australian to have officiated in World Cup Finals, when he was appointed to West Germany in 1974, and has handled World Cup elimination matches, with the most recent between New Zealand and Taiwan in Auckland.

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Midfield the key to Makedonia's success

Cullen for the Socceroos says Ollerton

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Edgley also reinstated Makedonia's longest-serving player, Steve Beech, to the left back position, after Edgley had dropped Beech to the Second Division team.

"Steve always gave 100 per cent but against West Adelaide, when we lost 4-0, Brian Edgley thought Steve was one of those who had a bad game, and so maybe he made Steve the scapegoat.

"However, everyone has a bad game now and again. "Steve's as keen as ever, and raring to go again."

Ollerton was used in defence a couple of times to stem the flow of opposition goals and although he would play goalkeeper if a club asked him, he prefers to be up there scoring goals.

"However, a forward is only as good as the service he gets," he says. "If you don't get the service, you won't be in the game a lot. You'll just be closing down, running between defenders."

That's why he wants to get his midfield working properly. With the right back-up, the Cullen-Ollerton-Whittle forward line certainly will take some beating.

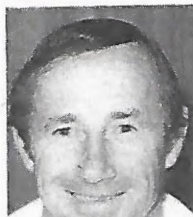
Ollerton believes Cullen is good enough to play for Australia, and he has great admiration for Alan Whittle, who came from England as a midfielder but now plays in attack. "Alan found it difficult to play midfield because we were always back-peddling and he's not a defensive player. Up front he's very sharp, very quick over 10 or 15 yards, very damaging."

Ollerton believes Whittle, MacIvor, and Doug Brown — when he plays well — have improved Makedonia since it won the State League championship last year, but the team still needs a commanding centre back and a strong defensive midfielder.

However, he scoffs at prices like \$25,000 sought for Steve Kokoska of Croatia. "No centre back in Australia is worth that kind of money. I was top scorer of NSW before I went to Hellas, and I cost only \$9,000," he says. "On today's market, that would be \$30,000. It's gotten right out of hand."

Ollerton began his soccer career with English club Blackpool at the age of 15. He started as a right winger and scored about 35 goals a year until switching to Northern Premier League club Fleetwood at 18.

After 16 goals during one season there, he almost was signed by Charlton Athletic,



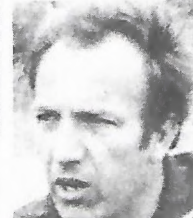
Tom Anderson — coached Ollerton at APIA.



Brian Green — took the Socceroos to a vineyard for drinks.



Dave Maclaren — told Ollerton that his days with Hellas were over.



Rocco Ilie — didn't like Ollerton's attitude to training.



Tony Kovac — told Ollerton he was putting him up for sale.



Terry Butler — one of the wingers who enabled Ollerton to become top scorer with APIA.

but the move fell through due to a disagreement over the transfer fee, and he accepted an offer from Ringwood VFL, which he joined. He then came to Melbourne — "for one or two years, to see if I liked it."

For Wilhelmia, he scored 14 league goals in 1971, 15 in 1972 and four in 1973 before transferring to APIA. His scoring exploits won him a place in the Victorian team that met Pele and his side Santos at Olympic Park. APIA coach Joe Marston came down to watch Ollerton, but wasn't particularly impressed.

Luckily for Ollerton, Marston took a second look in a league game. This time he liked what he saw and so Ollerton headed for Sydney and Wilhelmia collected \$6500.

In his first match for APIA, he scored a hat-trick in a 3-1 win against Sydney Croatia and he never looked back. In his first season in Sydney, he scored 15 goals and was runner-up among the NSW First Division scorers.

He was top scorer with 18 goals in 1974 and 17 goals in 1975 before being sold to South Melbourne Hellas.

"We had some great players at APIA," he recalls. "There was Jimmy Rooney, John Russell, Terry Butler, George Blues, Willie Wallace, Billy Rogers — a great bunch. Butler and Blues were on the wings, taking on their men and sending over the crosses for me to put away. It was a very well-organised side."

He was under four coaches at APIA — Marston, Blues, Tom Anderson and Fil Botalic. If you count Cup goals, he scored about 75 goals for APIA.

He married Jill, a Melbourne girl, in 1975 — and they returned on Cup Day that year. In his first season with Hellas he notched 10 State League goals, added six in 1977 — the first year of the PSL — and had seven in the first 12 games of 1978 before his ties with the club were severed.

"We'd been asking the committee for a bit of extra mon-

ey," he remembers, "and after some talks, we got a \$30 increase. Then the coach, Dave Maclaren, pulled me aside and said he didn't want me going behind his back to the committee on these things. I said I hadn't gone behind his back, as he had been present when we'd talked about it."

"We drew with Canberra, I had a few drinks with Maclaren after the game and everything seemed to be OK, but when I got home, he was on the phone to tell me I was no longer needed at the club."

"It boiled down to a case of me or him — that's the way it was reported."

"I went to see the Hellas

president, Sam Pappasavas, and he was all set to call a committee meeting to see whether it was to me or Maclaren, but I didn't want that. I saw Maclaren again at his office a few days later and he told me again I had not future at the club, so that was it."

"Rale Rasic, who was coach of Marconi, had heard about all the fuss, and he bought me for \$10,000."

"We bought a town house out Fairfield way, but Jill and I couldn't settle there and at the end of the season, I wrote the club a nice note, saying I felt we'd be better off back in Melbourne."

"Marconi's president, Tony Labbozetta, was very nice about it and said they'd let me go to whichever club I chose. "There was talk that Hellas wanted me back, but it was J.U.S.T. that got me. Cedo Cirkovic was the coach, and I always had thought of him as a real gentleman, so after talks with the president, Tony Kovac, I signed."

"Then, after about a year, came another farce. Every player in the squad must have been in dispute with the club at the time. We were battling against relegation, and I was one of the better performers — playing in midfield, centre half, up front, you name it."

Tony Kovac said to me one day he had put me up for sale. He told me the coach, Rocco Ilie, didn't like my attitude to training. He stressed he was sorry to see me go, but that he would try to get about \$9,000 or \$10,000 for me."

"So I went to Makedonia and it's one of the best moves I have made."

At the time of writing, Ollerton had scored 22 league and Cup goals for Makedonia in just one year. Until he was shifted to the defence, he was the PSL top scorer of 1981. Now he's determined to recapture that status.

It was his success at APIA that transformed Ollerton from just another player into a national star.

His goalscoring exploits earned him a place in Rasic's national squad for a match against an Auckland XI in Sydney. Two matches later, against Uruguay at the Sydney Cricket Ground, he scored his most memorable goal in international soccer.

"Ray Baartz had scored and we were leading 1-0," he remembers. "They got a corner kick on our right hand side, and I remember while the kick was being taken, standing about 10 yards inside our own half, in the middle of the ground. The corner went to the far post, Jack Reilly flisted it out to the edge of the box, and

someone turned and just booted it up the park. It landed straight at my feet. I turned and had a look and was amazed that there was no-one around. Everyone had gone up the field, looking for the equaliser, and they had left me all alone. I started to go, but their goalkeeper had stormed up the field and was about 10 yards ahead of me — 30 yards from the goal. I didn't want to get too close to him, otherwise he would have dragged me down, so I chipped the ball over his head, ran a half circle around him, and chased after the ball. I tried to be cool then. He was chasing me, and there was a big defender coming after me as well as 100 miles an hour, but I ran to the edge of the 18-yard line, slipped it into the empty net and side-stepped the guy as he charged in."

"That was a terrific feeling, and that goal virtually stamped my passport to West Germany for the World Cup finals."

Ollerton played under Rasic, Tony Boggi, Brian Green and Jim Shoulder. His last game for Australia was a 1-0 loss to Iran in front of 10,000 people in Teheran in 1977. By that time, Australia no longer had any hope of qualifying for the World Cup finals, for it had lost at home to Iran and Kuwait.

"I saw our first child, Lindsey, twice in her first six months. I was never home — always training or touring. After 1977, I decided I'd had enough," he says.

He remembers Brian Green: "He was a real character, and that came over in his coaching methods. He always tried to make them enjoyable, except one time, when he ran us into the ground in 110 degree heat. The following day he took us all on a tour of a vineyard and let us drink their wine."



Steve Blair — one of the youngsters who should give Australia an excellent World Cup team in 1985.

About the national coaching job, he says: "People who have been given the job may have coaching qualifications but I feel we should have someone from within Australia who knows the players and what they have done over two or three years rather than what they've done in two or three games. We had guys included in the squad recently for maybe scoring one or two goals in a single good performance."

"In my days I and the other Socceroos went through hell to get into the side. Now they're giving away Australian jumpers like bars of soap."

"Let's have Rasic as coach, or Len McKendry or Alan Vest — someone who knows the players, knows the scene."

Ollerton believes Australia now has talented young players in greater abundance than ever before.

"The world youth championships will help bring out more good players. The best of them, added to the likes of Alan Davidson, Peter Katholos, David Mitchell, Steve Blair and a few others, would develop into an excellent World Cup team for 1985, but they will be kept together. If we again waste three years, then Australian soccer deserves everything it gets."

"However, I remain confident that Australia will one day become recognised as a soccer nation — even if it's not until I'm 40 or 50."

"We have enough people in this country who have soccer in their background — the Greeks, Italians, British, Yugoslavs, Germans, Hungarians and so on. If all these people come to matches played by the national team, we'd have to use the MCG every time."

Asked to name an all-star eleven of the best players he has played alongside, Ollerton came up with the following:

Todd CLARKE			
Doug UTJESNOVIC	Peter WILSON	Col BENNETT	Col CURRAN
Ray RICHARDS	Jimmy MACKAY	Jimmy ROONEY	
George BLUES	Ray BAARTZ	Attila ABONYI	



George McMillan — from central striker to sweeper.

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Players 'dumbfounded' over Birch sacking

From page one

With the formation of the new League there could only be ten sides in the country regarded as top teams. Clyde went into the doldrums and I tried to think about getting away.

"I arrived in 1977 to play for West Adelaide in the newly formed PSL, but I was hospitalised for two months before I took my place in the starting line-up.

"Mike Johnson was the first coach I played under and I've got a high regard for him. He was totally dedicated but unfortunately not all the players shared my regard for him.

"Then John Margaritis took over. He was excellent when it came to his ideas on playing but failed at man management. When he left in 1978 he was reported as saying that we didn't have the players. That was the year we eventually won the PSL title!

"Jim Adam replaced John. He boosted the confidence of the players. Just before the game he would have a quiet word in your ear and he complimented those players who thrived on confidence. He wanted to remain in charge of the first team for the following season but the committee wanted him to diversify his interests and look after other teams within the club as well as the firsts. Jim told the club

that if he stayed he would win the PSL title again. That's how confident he was. But he couldn't see eye-to-eye with the committee."

Boyle, Neil McGahey and David Jones were singled out by the Press for special mention in Wests' title win.

"It wasn't fair to mention us without also mentioning Barry Reynolds, Dave Pillans and Graham Honeyman," Boyle says.

"Opposition coaches certainly had a higher opinion of Reynolds than the Press had. They would assign a winger to mark him! Reynolds was notorious for his overlaps and often the opposition winger would go out there just to mark him as he charged down the line.

"Dave Pillans was reliable and has tremendous skills for a tall player. Whenever you are under pressure you always could give the ball to Dave. He screens the ball exceptionally well. In fact he used to muck around at training with other players trying to get the ball off him. He could hold the ball for as long as he wanted.

"And potentially Graham Honeyman is the best player in Australia! His dribbling, tackling and general appreciation of the game is outstanding but the other thing which holds Graham back is his lack of consistency.

West finished seventh in 1979. According to Boyle a side which wins the title should finish in the top four the following year.

Then West hit a low spot, finishing 13th in a 14-team league last year. The need to preserve the national aspect of the league and the need to keep two Adelaide sides involved at the highest level in the land probably saved West Adelaide's PSL status.

Billy Birch took over earlier this year after looking after West in a caretaker capacity for the last few games of the 1980 season.

Birch was sacked a few weeks ago after West convincingly defeated Preston Macedonia 4-0.

"Like most of the other players I was dumbfounded when Billy Birch went," said Boyle.

"Billy was quoted in the Adelaide Press as saying that the club had good players, a good coach but required good administration.

"I tend to agree with his assessment of the current plight of West.

"The fact that the players don't always get paid on time



Coach Billy Birch — sacked by West Adelaide.

is minor when you come to assess the club's troubles. "I could have got a really good player out here from

Scotland but the committee wasn't interested, probably because of financial considerations."

So West Adelaide continues to wallow at the foot of the PSL with grave doubts about the club's ability to survive an ASF executive vote on its PSL status for the second consecutive season.

Boyle could look to coaching a South Australian State League club next season. One thing's for sure. He's not short of offers when it comes to starting all over again with another club.

The one drawback is the lack of a maximum transfer fee clause in Boyle's contract with West. He feels the club will delay putting a price on his head.

"The longer I'm kept waiting the closer the transfer deadline approaches.

"I may have to stay out of soccer for the rest of the year."



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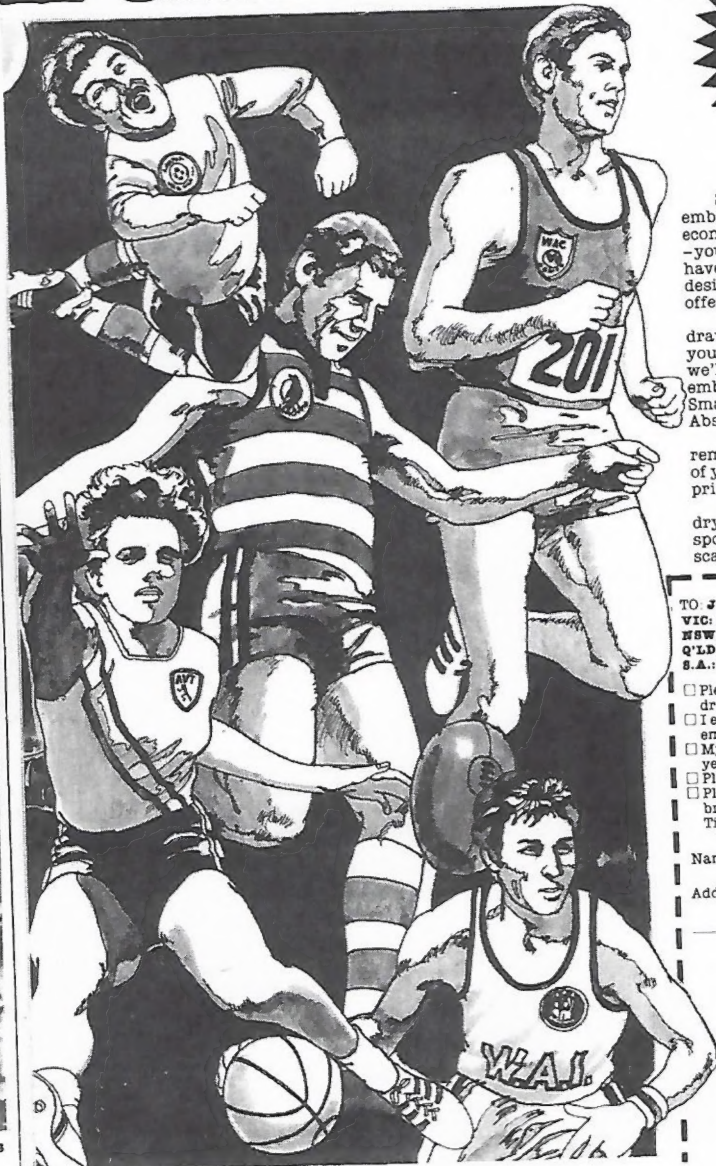
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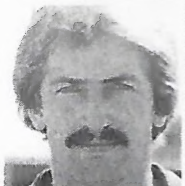
John Margaritis, 1980 coach of the year — coached Boyle at West Adelaide.



Barry Reynolds — full back who was marked by opposing wingers!



Lachowicz saves Bankstown



Bottom-of-the-table Bankstown City fought like tigers to hold Manly-Warringah to a 0-0 draw in their NSW State League clash at the Soccer Centre.

Manly dominated play throughout and forced corner after corner in the second half. But Bankstown goalkeeper Wally Lachowicz was in fine form and pulled off several good saves.

Keith Faulkner was outstanding in the Manly midfield and went closest to scoring from a well taken corner by David Jack.

Manly's young striker Dudley Fox also showed some patches of form but was well marked by Bankstown captain Greg Lynch playing in his first game after a serious injury.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

CROATIA 3 (Borges, Hennessy, Sterry) **AVAILA** (Pearson).

POLONIA 1 (A. Budini) **CANTERBURY 0**.

MONARO 1 (Santolin) **NORTH SYDNEY 1** (O'Rourke).

MELITA 0 **PARRAMATTA 0**.

ST GEORGE v AUBURN - postponed.

RIVERWOOD v SUTHERLAND - postponed.

BANKSTOWN 0 **MANLY 0** at Bankstown.

Syd. C. Hakoah 3 Canberra 2

Scorers: Hakoah: O'Connor 54th, Boden 57th, Kosmina 61st. Canberra: John O'Shea 15th, Kevin Mullen (OG) 30th.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field **Conditions:** Impossible.

Crowd: 2414.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Spanos 8, O'Connor 8, Bruce 8, Patikas 8 (sub Cant 77), Souness 8, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Kosmina 8 (sub Robertson 77), Boden 8.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 8, M. O'Shea 8, Stark 8, Byrne 8, R. O'Shea 8, Purdie 8, Cole

(sub Farrell 20th 8), J. O'Shea 8, McLaren 8 (sub Valeri 64th), Gibson 8, Brennan 8.

(All players given 8 points for their valiant effort in conditions that no soccer player should be asked to perform in).

Probably the top club clash in Sydney in 1981 - ruined by conditions that made soccer impossible.

The northern end of the Sydney Athletic Field was awash. It was like Bondi Beach with the tide coming in.

Both coaches - Eddie Thomson of City and George Murray of Canberra - wanted the game postponed, but referee Tony Boskovic insisted that it be played.

Boskovic said that it was not dangerous for the players to play - which was probably true.

In fact the only risk was that of being drowned.

But in many places it was just impossible to pass the ball and it would not roll in the pools of water.

If this was not good reason to call this farcical game off then nothing was.

This is just one more prime example of some of the many ridiculous things that are happening in Australian soccer at the present time.

When all this "rubbish" that is only making the code a laughing stock, will end, is anybody's guess.

In the first half it was Sydney City's turn to play against the tide.

And up to their eyes in mud and slush they quickly conceded two goals, with John O'Shea and Kevin Mullen (own goal) netting.

Canberra held this two-goal lead when both teams trooped in at the interval to be dried out.

Then in the second half when it was their turn to defend in the water, the Canberra defence also failed to conquer the elements.

They let in three goals when Steve O'Connor, Ken Boden and John Kosmina netted.

I really felt sorry for the players and both coaches for having to perform under such conditions.

Anywhere else in the world this game would have been cancelled and to play it in Sydney was a farce.

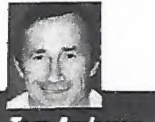
"We won and I'm pretty pleased with the points, but I still think that this game should have never been played," declared Sydney City

coach Eddie Thomson after the game.

"What can I say. I said before the game it should never have been played and this is still my feeling," declared Canberra coach George Murray.

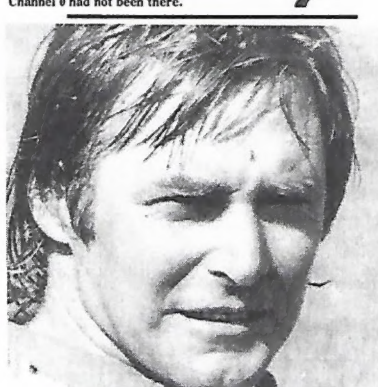
All the players deserve a medal for their efforts.

To end with, I wonder if this game would have gone ahead if the television cameras from Channel 0 had not been there.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 7



Wollongong coach Ken Morton

Now Morton will try it himself

Wollongong 1
Brisb. Lions 1

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: 3748

Referee: Gary Power 8.

Weather: fine.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7 - Willis 7, Dunlaavy 8, Bertogno 8, Ainsworth 7 - Fleming 8, Adam 8, Lathan 7, Treddinick 7 - Campbell 8, McBrean 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7 - Ontong 7, Bennett 8, Hermiston 8, Hogg 7 - Ogden 8 (Latchford 75th), McLean 7, Ferris 7 - Low 8, Daunt 8, McNaughton 8.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton may play himself in attack against Sydney City at Barton Park tonight (Wednesday) and against Blacktown on Sunday, following the continuing failure of the other strikers.

Wollongong wins a lot of the ball and gets it forward, but no-one's been putting it away.

Even Clive Campbell, who started the season so well, has been disappointing. It seems his failure to get into the New Zealand World Cup team drained him of some of his confidence.

So Morton may take the bit between his own teeth and try to succeed where the others have failed.

Brian Turner, Campbell's fellow New Zealand national team player, was unable to get the goals and was sold two weeks ago to Blacktown.

Now the third New Zealander, Bill de Graaf, is on the transfer list.

de Graaf, 30, has been on the bench since Wollongong bought Arno Bertogno from Newcastle. He wants to play regularly, so the club will let him go for only \$5000.

Meanwhile, Wollongong has decided against bringing Archie Gemmell from Brimingham over as a guest player. The money that was to have been paid to Gemmell was used to buy Bertogno.

The Lions scored in the first half on Sunday and Wollongong



Knut Werner

MATCH RATING: 7

drew level 17 minutes after the interval.

Wollongong's goal came from Jim McBreen, who hit a good drive on the turn from 16 metres.

Apart from the goal, a bad miss by fullback Peter Willis was the only clear chance created by Wollongong.

The Brisbane goal came five minutes before half time when winger Craig Low left two defenders standing and finished off perfectly with a 15 metre shot which gave goalkeeper Jim Preston no chance.

Wollongong's supporters gave their players plenty of abuse as they came off at half time.

It was probably deserved because the team looked lethargic and their passing was of a poor standard.

In the second half, the home side looked a little more positive but made little headway against the tight Brisbane defence.

Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett always looked safe at the back and they were well supported by a mobile Steve Hogg.

Wollongong rarely looked dangerous in attack, with Peter Treddinick well held by Paul Ontong and the midfield never looked like taking a grip on the game.

English international striker, John Ogden, replaced John Lathan in the Brisbane side after 88 minutes.

He didn't do much when he came on and Low always looked to be the Lions' most dangerous forward.

Ollerton, Petrovski suspended

Makedonia 0
Heidelberg 2

GOALS: Paton 60th, Cole 70th

VENUE: Connor Reserve

CROWD: 5000 (estimate)

REFEREE: Bambridge 7

CAUTIONS: Ollerton, Petrovski, J. Campbell

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 7; Rainey 6, Petrovski 6, McMillan 7, Beech 6; Flavell 7, Little 6, (Stoikos 85th) Faulkner 6; Cullen 6, Ollerton 7, Whitte 6.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 7; McMillan 7, Yzendoorn 6, Provan 7, Tansey 6; Solemidis 6, Campbell 7, Yancos 8, Rooney 6; Cole 6; Paton 7.

The Kenny Murphy recruiting campaign gathers momentum at Heidelberg.

The club committee says the player is keen to play in the Phillips League and is adamant he will end up at Heidelberg one way or another.

"If Croatia is unreasonable we'll wait until the end of the season and take the matter to the tribunal," Heidelberg vice president Sam Gouloupoulos said before the match.

But even if Murphy were to sign this week there is no guarantee of a place for him following Heidelberg's classy showing against Makedonia.

And if Murphy's arrival is delayed by a few months it could be a blessing in disguise for Charlie Yankos. The young midfielder has shed off the inferiority complex of playing alongside "name" players and can claim a regular team spot after Sunday's impressive display.

His stocky build enables him to mix it when it comes to tackling, but he has also added that little bit of extra fitness to get the confidence to try things when he is on the ball.

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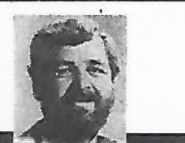
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Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING: 7

six yard box and finish the move with clinical efficiency.

The goal came on the hour mark and from then on Heidelberg was never going to lose a match it had planned to perfection.

The side defended stubbornly against the wind in the first half during which it had a couple of heartstopping moments, like when Peter Ollerton intercepted a back-pass by Bob Provan shot into the side netting.

After the break the side looked menacing every time it attacked and another goal was bound to come.

Five minutes after Paton's goal, Gary Cole hammered the ball against the crossbar in a goalmouth melee following a corner but then atoned for his mistake in the 78th minute, breaking clear on a through

ball from Jim Campbell and shooting past Lou Kastner from the right side of the penalty area.

The Makedonia camp conceded that the visitors had a little too much experience on the day.

"Considering the circumstances we didn't do too badly. The team spirit is better than what it has been in the past few weeks and I thought we were the better side in the first half although we never looked really dangerous," caretaker coach Peter Ollerton said afterwards.

Ollerton was booked in his first match as coach and will get an opportunity to watch the side from the bench this

week as he has reached the 12 maximum penalty points to automatically earn a one-match suspension.

"It's a little different being a player coach but it's not too difficult. Once on the field I have to concentrate on my own game but I have a good understanding with John Kennedy and am confident of handling the position if the club decides along those lines," Ollerton said.

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Joe Senkalski strikes twice

Newcastle KB 4
West Adel. 2

GROUND: International Sports Centre.

WEATHER: Overcast.

Ground Soft.

CAUTIONS: Topaz (WA) 11th.

CROWD: 5875.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie seven.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Rooney 8, H. Treddinick 8, Drinkwater 7, Mason 8, Sumner 7, Senkalski 7, Channon 9, Hays 8, Mountford 7, (Storey 62nd), Jones 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, McKie 8, Forde 7, Kambas 7, McGregor 8, Topaz 7, Brown 7, Honeyman 8, Smythe 7, Kovalevski 7, (Lorenzoni 87th) Manecacs 8.

Scorers: Channon (N) 13th Mountford (N) 29th (Manecacs) (WA) 63rd & 78th Senkalski (N) 70th & 71st 78th.

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To their credit they are not afraid to come forward, therefore contributing considerably to the enjoyment of the spectators. When they strike a team like Newcastle adopting the same attitude the real winners are the paying public.

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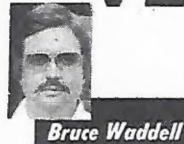
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VEST FOR BLANCO AT MARCONI?



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING:
8

Brisbane C 4 Marconi 0.

Goals: Vincenzo 52nd, P. Wilkinson 62nd, Gaffney 69th, Caldwell pen 71st.
Ground — Spencer Park.
Weather — fine. Crowd abt 2500.
Cautions: P. Wilkinson (BC), Maher, Krncevic (M).
Referee: A. Rodway S.
BRISBANE CITY: Coe S,

Caldwell S, Dunne S, Ratcliffe S, W. Wilkinson S, Pimblett S, Gaffney S, Vincenzino 7 (Conner 68th), Palinkas S (Confessore 80th), P. Wilkinson 7, McVeigh 7.
MARCONI: Maher 7, Brogan S, Henderson S, Muir S, Degney S (Krncevic 55th, S), Byrne S, Calderon S, Houssein 7, Shorne S, Jankovics S, Mariani S.
Brisbane City chalked up their biggest victory yet over a

very poor Marconi outfit, coasting in 4-0 after both teams had provided a most forgettable first half.
Runout after the game was that Alan Vest may replace Raul Blanco as Marconi coach.
There were practically no highlights in the first 45 minutes, with the Marconi forward line sacrificing all of their build up with woeful ball control. I cannot recall Peter

Sharne producing a more lacklustre performance.
City were just as bad in the first half and seemed to have problems trying to forget they had conceded seven goals in their last two matches.
But at least they kept their supporters happy and easily retained their unbeaten home record by piling on four goals in a devastating 19 minute spell.
David Vincenzino, playing in his first starting match in

place of the suspended Bobby Hamilton, gleefully headed past Allan Maher from close range in the 52nd minute.
A great move, begun by Paul Wilkinson, also featured Frank Pimblett and Larry Gaffney, before Wilkinson backed up to rifle a shot off the underside of the bar from a most acute angle.
Leftback Billy Wilkinson had a picnic overlapping in the second half and his neat

through ball was met and chipped through by Paul Wilkinson, leaving the busy Gaffney unmarked in front, and he hammered past the helpless Maher.
The fourth goal was a penalty, blasted home by rightback Kevin Caldwell, who was playing in his 100th PSL match. It was awarded after Hussein Housseini brought down Gaffney just inside the box.



Steve Wooddin (right) cuts loose with a shot past J.U.S.T. defender Jim Kondarios.



Kyri Kyriakouless heads clear in front of his goalkeeper Dennis Bolland.

Hellas retreats again but Wooddin brilliant

SM-Hellas 2 Foots. JUST 1

Venue: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 4500.
Weather: Cold.
Referee: Jim Fearn (Vic) 10.
Cautions: V. Bannan (SM), Kondarios (JUST).
HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Bannan S, Blair S, Xanthopoulos S, Davidson S — Stevenson S, Christopoulos S, Rogers S, Wooddin 10, Evans S, Campbell S.
J.U.S.T.: Boland 10 — Milne 7, Kyriakouless S, Kondarios S, Iloski S — Belic S, Licanin S, Jovanovic 7 — Cozzella 7, Verweij S, Lujic 7.



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING:
9

made another uncanny save from a shot by Evans.
Wooddin led Hellas's forward line once more in the 40th minute when he turned past Jim Kondarios only to be tripped by Milne.
Referee Jim Fearn awarded Hellas a penalty from which George Christopoulos scored the second goal.
Christopoulos, who had a fine first half, was called into the team to replace Jim Shirra who was ill.
Midfielders Bill Rogers and

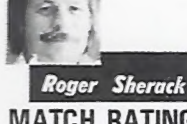
Christopoulos attacked well in the first half but they dropped back into defensive positions after the break, giving J.U.S.T. freedom of movement in midfield.
This resulted in some dangerous J.U.S.T. forward moves, one of which forced Hellas goalkeeper Peter Laumets to make an acrobatic save from a shot by Nebojsa Licanin who, however, also had a poor game.
Alan Davidson had a surprisingly quiet game and was given quite a bit of trouble by Bruno Cozzella who missed narrowly with a good shot in the 69th minute.
However Christopoulos should have put Hellas further ahead in the 70th minute when he shot over the bar from two metres on a square pass from Wooddin.
At the other end Boland made another brilliant save from a shot by John Stevenson.
A free kick by Licanin hit the post before Verweij scored for J.U.S.T. turning what

could have been a four or five-goal victory to Hellas into a somewhat unlucky loss by J.U.S.T.
At the risk of sounding repetitive, I say once again: Oh, for an adventurous midfield! Without it Hellas cannot win the championship.
But if Christopoulos stays in the team and attacks the way he did against J.U.S.T., and if Davidson also were pushed into the midfield — at least at home — surely Hellas would win the championship.
J.U.S.T. will need a much greater work-rate from Verweij up front and may have to push Licanin into attack to get the best out of him. Licanin has excellent ball skill, but he does not mark opponents, and he doesn't play the simple ball, so he's not a good proposition for the midfield.
J.U.S.T. was disappointed at the non-arrival ofinja Petkovic. Apparently he changed his mind about coming to Australia!

Milovanovic off as APIA climbs

APIA Leichhardt 3 Blacktown 2

Scorers: Bradley, O'Connor, Hughes (APIA), Djordjevic, Turner pen. (Btown).
Ground: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 4096.
Referee: K. Reeves.
Yellow cards: Milovanovic 45', Butler 53', Giampolo 71', James 83'.
Red cards: Milovanovic 45'.
APIA: Woodhouse S, Coyne 7, Wilson S, Hughes 7, McAusland S, Gray S, Butler S, Bradley 7, Morcello 7, Soper 7, O'Connor 7, 70' Giampolo for Gray.



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING:
8

other ideas as he came out of goal to smother the shot.
Leichhardt continued to dominate and went further ahead after 35 minutes.
Ian Gray managed to find room on the right flank and walked into the penalty area completely unattended. With the near post in sight, Gray crossed low and hard towards O'Connor. Bruce James managed to get to the ball but failed to hold and Soper put his toe in before O'Connor completed the job by lobbing the ball over the line from inches away.
The game was interrupted a few times with referee Reeves having to admonish players for some crude tackles. Mike Milovanovic went into the book

with five minutes remaining in the first half for a tackle on John Coyne, then was sent off in the last minute of this half.
A ray of sunshine came the Demon's way in the 42nd minute as Jovan Djordjevic raced in to beat Wilson, then passed by Robert Wheatley.
The Demons came out fighting in the second half and dominated play for the rest of the match.
Peter Jones's header rattled the post following a neat free kick by Djordjevic in the 48th minute to signal the comeback of the Blacktown side, but Alan Hughes capitalised on some poor defense to walk around James minutes later and send the home team into a 3-1 lead.
Brian Turner was up-ended in the 55th minute by Hughes in the penalty area and from a resultant penalty the New Zealand international made it 3-2 to set the stage for a great finish.
Yellow cards rained. In fact the referee had to stop the game during some ugly scenes involving spectators, during the closing stages of this great game at Lambert Park, but the score remained unaltered.

Fashanu strikes again

Adel. C. Juventus 3 Sydney Olympic 1

Scorers: Melta, Mitchell, Fashanu (AC), K. Wilson pen (SO).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Crowd: 3500.
Referee: Graham Neal 7.
ADELAIDE CITY: Brybyski 7 — Russell 7, Jones S, Perin S, B. Nyskohus S — Villani S, Melta 7, Marocchi 7 — Mitchell S, Fashanu S, J. Nyskohus 7.
OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 9 — Scott 7, K. Wilson 7, Rowden 7, Moulis 7 — Raskopoulos 7, Kartholos S, Laing 7, Koussas S, Cotton 7, Jennings S.



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING:
8

Olympic, playing for the first time this year without the guidance of Tommy Docherty, who flew to London last Thursday to take up a new appointment, played its normal attacking game but on this occasion it did not bring dividends.
Adelaide City raced to a 1-0 lead in the 20th minute when Sergio Melta rode a hard tackle from Andy Scott and hit a firm ground shot past goalkeeper Peter Wilson.
Fashanu and Olympic's Peter Kartholos hit powerful drives at both ends of the ground but it was Mitchell who scored in the 36th minute when he accepted a pass from Charlie Villani, who had made the opening after a dazzling run.

Mitchell sprinted into the penalty area, drew Peter Wilson off his line, and rifled a low shot into the far corner.
Mitchell almost scored again early in the second half but his header struck the post and bounced out.
Olympic reduced the deficit in the 53rd minute when Ken Wilson scored from the penalty spot after Kartholos was brought down inside the area.
Fashanu restored City's two goal advantage when he pivoted and scored from point blank range in what appeared to be an offside position.
Olympic swooped forward in waves of attacks but could not make any impression on the City defence.
City was denied a fourth goal two minutes from the end when goalkeeper Wilson brilliantly stopped a John Nyskohus penalty, which was awarded after Fashanu had been fouled inside the penalty box.

WEST IN SEMIS

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 4 (Manecus 2, Smytho, Loranconi) BRISBANE CITY 2 (Caldwell, Hamilton). Philips Cup quarter-final at Hindmarsh Stadium. Match rating: 8. Referee: Jim Rossis 7.

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Licanin, Lujic carry J.U.S.I. hopes

Can Preston Makedonia's winning habit against Footscray J.U.S.T. continue when these arch rivals clash at Schintler Reserve on Sunday?

Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton would like nothing better than to win against his former club. J.U.S.T. has succumbed to Makedonia twice in the 1980 Victoria Cup — 4-1 and 1-0 — once in this year's Phillips Cup — 3-1 — and 3-0 — in their PSL clash at Connor Reserve earlier this year.

The key to J.U.S.T.'s fortunes lies with the delicate ball skills of Nebojsa Licanin. Coach Cedo Cirkovic will be looking to Licanin to crack Makedonia's defensive core.

Zdravko Lujic and Licanin will have a major say in J.U.S.T.'s PSL future. And Ollerton will be hoping to revitalise Makedonia which has not performed well in its first PSL season.

Doug Brown is still out suspended so we will see the controversial and brilliant Scott taking a back seat.

I expect J.U.S.T. to withstand Makedonia's onslaught via the aggressive Rob Cullen and Alan Whitley while Lujic shouldn't get too far away from Mike Rainey.

Los Kastner is in superlative form and probably delights in proving his critics wrong.

Kastner certainly deserves the success he gets. For over a decade he has been a leading goalkeeping figure. It must have taken a special strength of character and self-belief for

Kastner to emerge from the wilderness he was flung into earlier this year by two Melbourne soccer writers.

J.U.S.T. is at the crossroads!

Let's hope for the sake of this game that Cirkovic doesn't resort to using five men at the back, three in midfield and two up front.

Makedonia will go at J.U.S.T. from the outset.

If J.U.S.T. weathers the early storm and uses Lujic, Licanin and former Kiwi international John Verwilt up front it can create a storm of its own later in the game.

But that's all up to Cirkovic.

Come Sunday evening we'll know whether J.U.S.T. is going to drop out of the PSL without a whimper or make a swashbuckling comeback to save its status in the biggest and best league in the land. — CRAIG MACKENZIE



Mike Rainey



Justin Fashanu — on the lookout for goals.

Paton-Cole duo gets set to answer Fashanu

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

English superstar Justin Fashanu will be looking to add to the killer goal he scored against Heidelberg for Adelaide City in their recent Phillips Cup quarter-final when these sides meet at Olympic Park on Sunday.

The tall lithe striker, currently valued at around \$2 million on the English soccer market, is in his second guest stint with City.

His presence has sharpened the claws of one of the best attacking outfits in the PSL.

When Heidelberg bowed out of the Phillips Cup against City last week the game produced an uncharacteristic number of chances but a combination of the brilliant reflexes of Bergr's keeper Jeff Oliver and desperate defence at both ends of Olympic Park ended with a solitary goal splitting the teams.

On chances alone there could have been a huge score-line.

One of the important factors in Heidelberg's re-emergence will be coach Len McKendry's ability to rekindle the fire of the Jamie Paton-Gary Cole partnership which burst into full flame last year only to be snuffed out by coaching changes, player unrest, team re-organisation and the unfolding of the Gutendorf saga.

Most of the debris from these events has been swept away, leaving a gaping hole in the confidence of what once was the most lethal striking duo in Australia.

But the resilience of Paton and Cole along with their belief in McKendry can get them back onto the goal scoring trail once more.

Adelaide City had a few close shaves in its quarter-final.

Sydney City's class and organisation to pull it through.

I expect Brisbane City to upset the hopes of the many Sydney Olympic fans who will go in their droves to Pratten Park on Sunday.

Olympic is without Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Kousas, both on national youth team duty.

The Brisbane boys won't miss this opportunity to ram home their advantage against a depleted Olympic line-up.

Canberra's championship challenge shouldn't falter against struggling West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, and APLA Leichhardt should just sneak home against Newcastle KB at the International Sports Field.

If Wollongong can't beat Blacktown at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday then I'll revert back to the use of my tag for Ken Morton's Marvels — the Wollongong Washouts.

Watch 'Juve', Hellas!

By LAURIE SCHWAB

HEIDELBERG UTD AL-EXANDER 0 ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Fashanu 87th) at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, crowd about 2000. Referee Tony Boskovic 7, cautions: Mitchell (AC), Villani (AC). Phillips Cup quarter-final.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 10 — McMillan 8, Yzendoorn 8, Provan 8, Tansey 8 — Solomidis 8, Campbell 9, Yankos 8, Rooney 7 — Paton 8, Cole 7. ADELAIDE C: Peressin 8 — Russell 9, B. Nyskohus 8, Jones 9, Miller 6 — Villani 7, Marocchi 7, Manou 8 (Northcote 86th), Melta 6 — Fashanu 8, Mitchell 7.

Justin Fashanu started his guest stint with Adelaide City by putting his team into the Cup semi-finals. Already the top-scoring team in the league, Adelaide City now aims at the title.

During Fashanu's six-week guest stint, "Juve" should give league leader South Melbourne Hellas a hell of a fright.

The Hellas players and officials claim the team still has 20% in reserve and once it produces, Hellas will draw away from the field.

Yet while Hellas went six weeks without victory, Adelaide City was winning regularly and scoring the goals that have been eluding Hellas.

Last Wednesday against

Heidelberg, all of 'Juve's' resources were tested to breaking point, yet the team passed every test and in the end, should have won by a greater margin.

The South Australians missed two of their best players, John Nyskohus and John Perin and, of course, Brian Northcote, who was on the bench until just before the end.

Regular goalkeeper Peter Marshall has been out injured for some weeks now.

Bugsy Nyskohus moved into Perin's position as sweeper and Chris Miller came into the team at left back.

The reshuffled defence was put under relentless pressure in the first half, during which Heidelberg played its best soccer of the year. The midfield dominated absolutely.

Justin Fashanu was sharp up front and Jim Tansey was back to his best, schlepping the ball up the left flank.

So much was the game in Heidelberg's control that goalkeeper Jeff Oliver hadn't made a single save by halftime.

The closest Adelaide City had come to scoring was a header by David Jones over the crossbar, after a corner from Charlie Villani.

Gary Cole almost scored in the 28th minute with a low shot past goalkeeper Peressin, but Jones cleared off the line. Then Peressin saved shots by Paton and Jim Campbell.

But the match changed

drastically in the 20 minutes after half time.

Fashanu was given more of the ball and he responded by playing devastating passes and by launching a couple of dangerous shots, while Chris Manou worked hard to bring the ball past Heidelberg's tiring midfield.

A header from inside the penalty area by Fashanu caused Heidelberg problems just after half time. David Mitchell took a wild swipe at the ball as it came down, but it fell away from him and he missed.

Before Adelaide City really settled into its period of dominance, Campbell launched a fine drive at the other end, but Peressin leaped acrobatically to scoop it over the bar.

But Jeff Oliver had to do even better than that for the next 15 minutes or so.

He had no chance against a Villani shot that hit the bar after a fine through ball from Fashanu and it was Arthur McMillan who came to Oliver's rescue by heading a header from Manou off the line.

Then Oliver locked a close-in shot from Manou who had come through open space on a square ball.

Fashanu played a similar square ball to Mitchell and again Oliver blocked the shot at close range.

Moments later, Fashanu was lurking at the far post, set to meet a corner that was sailing over the Heidelberg defenders but Oliver soared like a trampoliner acrobat and managed to get his fingertips to the ball before it reached Fashanu's head.

But Fashanu wouldn't let up. He found space for a shot but Oliver threw himself down and made another uncanny save.

A Fashanu header flashed across goal in the 84th minute as the game appeared to be heading towards extra time.

Then Cole sent Theo Selemdis away on a through ball and Selemdis's good shot, under pressure from Miller, whistled just over the bar.

Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavio replaced Manou with Brian Northcote in the 86th minute and within seconds of coming onto the field, Northcote drove a low angled shot across goal to the far post where Fashanu, moving in unmarked, scored from less than a metre to send Adelaide City into the semi-finals.

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Terry Banagan seeks club

Terry Banagan has returned to Melbourne from Hobart and is looking for a club.

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PASMAN (R.wood)	CORKE (D'ton)	KRIARIS (N.cote)	K. WILSON (Altona)
LESBIER (F'ton)	TAYLOR (S' shine)	MURPHY (Croatica)	
RISTOVSKI (Juve)	McCLUNIE (Hakoah)	WALLACE (Ajax)	

CROATIA TO WIN, AJAX TO SLIP

Croatia's hopes of winning the 1981 State League title could rest upon the outcome of Sunday's clash with Croydon at Olympic Park No. 2.

Croatia must win as arch rival Ajax has a really tough assignment against the big improver from last year — Sunshine.

Croydon will be out to achieve a unique double — two league wins in the same season against Croatia.

Croatia has run out of patience with former Newcastle KB manager-coach Alan Vest. Twice Vest was booked to fly here but at the last minute was unable to come.

So it looks as if a lengthy discussion will take place with caretaker player-coach Paddy Bannan to see if he can be enticed into doing the job on a more permanent basis.

Croatia's scalp would be a treasured feather in Bannan's coaching cap and a win would give Croatia added impetus toward the title.

I expect Croatia to avenge the 4-2 loss it suffered at Croydon earlier this season.

One thing's for sure. Dave Brogan will be out to do well against his former club. Brogan's got a few scores to settle and there's only one way he can do that — by turning in a top performance.

Ajax will find Sunshine an

uncompromising, aggressive opponent at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Chris Taylor is a quality player earmarked for success in Australian soccer. The presence of Jim McRobert and Frank Russell on the Sunshine bench says enough about the depth which was lacking last year but with the inclusion of Nick Lowe, Norrie Pate, Roger Bain and Taylor gives the Shiners an excellent chance to mount a strong campaign for top four honours.

I still think Ajax's revamped squad has to kit together better but at the halfway mark of the season one wonders how much longer it will take to produce an effective, well drilled outfit.

I'm tipping a draw here. This must be the moment a few Altona people have waited for. I'm backing Altona to knock off Juventus at Gillon Oval on Sunday.

I know that Juve did well to grab a point from Croydon last week but Altona's future looks decidedly brighter thanks to Howard Mercer, Steve Jones and Dave Cooper.

If Hakoah shows the commitment and aggression it showed against Sunshine it will beat Northcote at Middle Park on Sunday.

Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE



Richie McClunie will give Northcote stopper Alex Nelson a thankless task.

McClunie's too tall for Nelson and too good in the air but the lanky striker also impressed me on the ground last weekend.

There's no doubt that when McClunie strikes top form he gives Hakoah a vital focal point to aim for up front.

Devon completed the first half of the season as the only undefeated side and shouldn't lose that record against Ringwood at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

But the Doves are the draw specialists of the league and could continue in that vein here.

Finally, Frankston and George Cross clash at Centenary Park on Sunday.

The Cross will find Frankston no pushover. Eric Leslie's inclusion alongside Carl Holford gives the Baysiders two top flight midfielders to support Charlie Egan and Bill Buchanan up front.

The choice of the player to tag the dynamic Egan is the most crucial decision Cross coach Jim Adam must make. I lean slightly to Frankston.

CROATIA v Croydon at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday, 3 pm.

Juventus v ALTONA at Gillon Oval, Sunday 3 pm.

Ajax v Sunshine (draw) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday 3 pm.

HAKOAH v Northcote at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Ringwood v Doveton (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

FRANKSTON v George Cross at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Kriaris grabs the winner

RINGWOOD 3 (Sinclair 2, O'Riley) NORTHCOTE 4 (Sahinidis 2, Vasic, Kriaris).

RINGWOOD: Fearn 6 - Pasman 8, Greenwald 6, Layton 6, Dixon 6, O'Riley 7, Brooks 6, O'Callaghan 6. Malt 5 - Sinclair 8, Green 7. NORTHCOTE: Tachris 6 - Petrakos 6, Nelson 6, Kriaris 6, Fakos 6 - Braskis 7, Kalitidis 6 (inj. Pag-Buzzo 35th 5), Rujovic 7, Moulas 6 - Sahinidis 6, Vasic 7.

Northcote player-coach Jim Kriaris broke the deadlock in a free scoring extravaganza at Jubilee Park with a late goal.

In a see-sawing encounter the Northerners snuff first through Sakis Sahinidis who shrugged off two Ringwood de-

fenders as he ran onto Kris Kalitidis's through ball. Ringwood levelled within seconds of the kick-off. Paul O'Riley hammered a fierce shot from 20 metres into the corner of goal.

Northcote struck again through Dragan Vasic in the 35th minute but 15 minutes after half-time the home side had hit the front thanks to two goals from Brian Sinclair, confirming his status as one of the most lethal strikers in the league.

But Sinclair's goals were wiped out by Sahinidis's second and Kriaris's winner, both suspiciously offside according to Ringwood president John van Hoboken.

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2 - Taylor (S)
1 - Kent (H)
GEORGE CROSS v DOVETON
3 - Corke (D)
2 - Iwanoff (D)
1 - McKinnley (GC)
RINGWOOD v NORTHCOTE
3 - Kriaris (N)
2 - Pasman (H)
1 - Sinclair (H)

3 - Wallace (GC) v CROATIA
2 - Murphy (C)
1 - Leabir (F)
1 - Adema (F)
JUVENTUS v CROYDON
3 - Ristovski (J)
2 - Della Rocca (J)
1 - Brown (Croy)
HAKOAH v SUNSHINE
3 - McClunie (H)

'Basil' McClunie wins

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This week's winner is the "Basil Fawcett" of the State League, Hakoah striker RICHIE McCLUNIE.

Sunshine steals point in spiteful game

HAKOAH 2 (Webster, McClunie) SUNSHINE 2 (Pate 2 incl pen).

HAKOAH: Fryzzer 6 - Dossan 6, Hannah 7, Jordanou 7, Rooney 6 (Thomas 70th) - Allison 6, McNeill 6, Gedaly 7 - Webster 6, McClunie 6, Kent 7. SUNSHINE: Contini 7 - Dacey 6, Lowe 7, Ellis 6, Morovic Nelson 7, Taylor 6, Laing 6 - Mudrinic (Elli) McRobert 62nd, 6), Pate 7, Bain 6.

In a game which had everything Hakoah must consider itself unlucky not to have taken both points after a terrible penalty decision given against George Hannah.

Referee Lou Hemmes put on the worst display I've seen this year.

Chris Taylor made a meal of Hannah's challenge but referee Hemmes saw otherwise and awarded a penalty from which Norrie Pate opened his account and Hakoah's thoroughly deserved two-goal lead was cut down to one.

But the second half was packed with drama.

Two Hakoah players ran around for most of the second half trying to kick, trip, push, shove, or elbow opponents.

Sean Rooney and young John Mudrinic literally met head-on.

Rooney had fouled Mudrinic who got his own back within seconds. Rooney bounced up off the ground, raced to Mudrinic and they clashed. Mudrinic received treatment as referee Hemmes ran to Rooney and waved the yellow card at



him. Mudrinic was replaced by Jim McRobert but the game had become very spiteful.

A fight developed behind play involving five players as the game continued further up the field.

Pate snatched a point for Sunshine when Mike Fryzzer stood rooted to his line as a high ball came across. Pate challenged Fryzzer, the ball cannoned against the bar, bounced back and Pate headed home.

It was Richie McClunie and Chris Kent who had set Hakoah alight in the first half. McClunie and Nick Lowe challenged and the ball broke to Stan Webster who shot and Hakoah was one up inside 15 minutes.

Then Dennis Morovic was robbed by McClunie and away the lanky Scot galloped until about seven metres out from where he slammed the ball past Alan Contini and high into the roof of the net.

At least Hakoah should be enthusiastic about Kent's effort. He really wanted to get involved, looked sharp and his lethal left foot unleashed a few pledrivers which were blocked on route to goal. — CRAIG MACKENZIE



• Hakoah's Sean Rooney kicks clear of Sunshine's John Mudrinic — the hard way.

Mitten moves up

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7 - Pate (S), Sahinidis (N)
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INSET: Tony Gatt (Sunshine Heights 1978).

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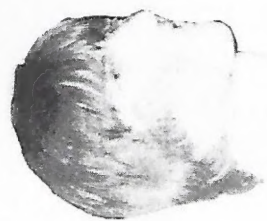
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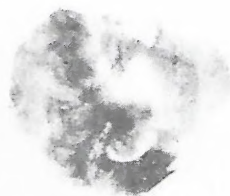
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